Anno primo Caroli Regis.

An Acte to enable the Kings Maieſtie to make Leaſes of Lands, parcell of his Highneſſe Dutchie of *Cornewall*, or annexed to the ſame.

WHereas the King Our Soueraigne Lord, being in the life time of His Royall Father of bleſſed memory, ſeized of the ſaid Dukedome of Cornewall, did bargaine and contract for Leaſes and Eſtates to bee made of diuers Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, parcell of the ſaid Dukedome of Cornewall, which Leaſes and Eſtates, His Maieſtie was enabled to haue made in His ſaid Fathers life time, by an Acte of Parliament made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Acte to enable the moſt Excellent Prince Charles to make Leaſes of Lands, parcell of His Highneſſe Dutchy of Cornewall, or annexed to the ſame. And becauſe His Maieſtie, hauing receiued diuers Fines, and ſummes of Money, according to the ſaid Contracts, and hauing entred into Treatie with diuers others for like Eſtates, the finiſhing of which Contracts, and making the ſaid Leaſes, was preuented by His Maieſties acceſſe to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, is graciouſly pleaſed for the good of his poore Tenants of the ſaid Dutchy Lands, to proceed to the full accompliſhment of the Contracts, and Leaſes of the premiſſes.

Bee it therefore enacted by our ſaid Soueraigne Lord the King, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by authority of this preſent Parliament, That all Leaſes to be made within the ſpace of three yeeres now next enſuing by our ſaid Soueraigne Lord the King, by letters Patents, Indentures, or other Writings vnder His great Seale of England, or Seale of the Court of Exchequer, of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, parcell of the poſſeſſions of the ſaid Dutchy of Cornewall, or annexed to the ſame, ſhall bee good and effectuall in Law, according to the purport and content of the ſaid Leaſes, againſt our ſaid Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maieſtie, his Heires and Succeſſors, and againſt all and euery perſon or perſons, that ſhall hereafter haue, inherite or enioy the ſaid Dukedome of Cornewall, by force of any Acte of Parliament, or other limitation whatſoeuer.

Prouided allwayes, That euery ſuch Leaſe ſo to bee made, of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in poſſeſſion, ſhall bee made but for three liues or fewer, or for one and thirty yeeres or vnder, or ſome other terme of yeeres determinable vpon one, two, or three liues, and not aboue. And if ſuch Leaſes be made in reuerſion, That then the ſame, together with the Eſtates in poſſeſſion, doe not exceede three liues, or the terme of one and thirty yeeres, and not in any wiſe diſpuniſhable of waſte: And ſo as vpon euery ſuch Leaſe ſhall be reſerued the ancient or moſt vſuall Rent, or ſuch Rent as hath beene yeelded or paid for the greater part of twenty yeeres next before the making of the ſaid Leaſes, and ſhall be reſerued due and payable, by, or to him or her that ſhall haue the inheritance or other Eſtate, of the ſaid Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments. And where no ſuch Rent hath beene reſerued or payable, that then, vpon euery ſuch Leaſe, there ſhall be reſerued a reaſonable Rent, not being vnder the twentieth part of the cleare yeerely value of the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments contained in ſuch Leaſe.

And be it further ordained and enacted by authority of this preſent Parliament, That all Couenants, Conditions, and Reſeruations, and other agreements contained in euery Leaſe ſo to be made, as aforeſaid, ſhall be good and effectuall in Law, according to the words and contents of the ſame, aſwell for, and againſt them, to whom the Reuerſion of the ſame Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſhall come, as for and againſt them to whom the ſaid Leaſes ſhall come, reſpectiuely: As if our ſaid Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maieſty at the time of the making of ſuch Couenants, Conditions, and Reſeruations, and other agreements were ſeized of an abſolute and indefeizible eſtate in Fee ſimple, in the ſame Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments: Sauing allwayes to all and euery perſon and perſons, bodies Politique and Corporate, their Heires and Succeſſors, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, (other then our ſaid Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maieſty and his Heires, and all and euery perſon and perſons that ſhall hereafter haue, inherite, or enioy the ſaid Dukedome of Cornewall, by force of any Acte of Parliament, or other limitation whatſoeuer) all ſuch Rights, Titles, Eſtates, Cuſtomes, Intereſts, Termes, Claimes, and Demands whatſoeuer, of what kinde, nature, or quality whatſoeuer, of, in, to, or out of the ſaid Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, as they or any of them had, or ought to haue had before the making of this Acte, to all intents and purpoſes, and in as large and ample manner and forme, as if this Acte had neuer beene had or made: This Acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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